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Dear Mr. Pavelko:

This is in response to your letter received 16 January 2004 inquiring about the status of U.S. patent application 10/088,054 filed 14 March 2003. The application is being processed by the U.S. Designated/Elected Office and a Notification of Acceptance of Application (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) will soon be issued. All further inquiries about the status of this application may be addressed to Terry Vessels, Team I Supervisor at the U.S. Designated/Elected Office at telephone number (703) 305-3624 or to Examiner Mamie Person at telephone number (703) 305-3737.

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